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SUBJECT: Status of Berlin - Refutation of Kroeger Article.

TO: The American Embassy BONN

RPTD INFO: The United States Mission BERLIN

162.00 - 162.0
 The Department concurs with the Embassy's views, as expressed in Bonn despatch No. 1168 of February 21, 1958, that the Three Powers should not rebut the Kroeger article on Berlin's status and that it should be left to the Germans to rebut this article if they wish. In this connection, we see no objection to furnishing Governing Mayor Brandt, upon his request, any background information which the Germans might require.

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 The U. S. S. R. has again made an issue of the status of Berlin in its note of January 6, 1958 to the Secretary General of the United Nations protesting against the extension to Berlin of international agreements of the German Federal Republic. The proposed reply to this note, the text of which is contained in the Department's circular instruction CA-7918 of March 13, 1958, will restate the Western position and thus incidentally serve to refute Kroeger's argumentation. If the Embassy and the Mission believe it appropriate and the British and French agree, we see no objection to apprising Brandt of the action we propose to take in response to the Soviet note.

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